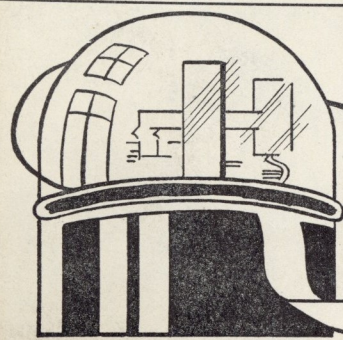


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For Each of You.

Commencement Edition

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School Freshmen,
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Esther Rimmer Appointed Meter Editor

Over 200 March In 41st Commencement

The 41st commencement exercises of this institution scheduled for Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. will climax four or more years of college study for well over two hundred students. Included is a number of recipients of the master's degree. Exact tabulations were not available at press time.

Observances actually began Awards Day on May 19, students received awards, scholarships, and citations, as a recognition of their superior achievement. This was followed by Senior Class Day on May 25. White dresses and blue suits seemed to have been pass words for the day. Small clusters of graduating seniors could be seen about the campus throughout that most memorable day. Could there have been a certain amount of wistfulness in those smiles?

The seniors will be feted May 30 at a buffet supper in the Jane E. Elliott Cafeteria. Baccalaureate Sunday School will be held the following day in the University Auditorium. The Baccalaureate Exercises are to be held at 3:30 P.M. on the same day.

Dr. J. H. Jackson, progressive pastor of Chicago's Olivet Baptist Church, will be the speaker. Dr. Jackson has one of the largest memberships in the Chicago area. He is very active in many civic and social organizations, and brings to the graduates a wealth of experience as a result of these activities.

Dr. Gardner Taylor will deliver the address at the Commencement exercises on June 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the University Auditorium. Dr. Taylor is the dynamic young pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York. He has received nation-wide attention as a worker in youth movements and also as a speaker.

The first graduates from the School of Engineering will participate in Commencement exercises this June. Mr. Benson Dutton, Chairman of the School of En-

NEW ASSOCIATE EDITOR



Ernest Buffington

Mrs. Fabio Wins Essay Contest

Mrs. Sarah Webster Fabio, graduate student in the English Department and METER staff member, has received the grand prize for her entry in the recent all-campus Cleanliness Essay Contest.

The prize winning essay entitled "What Students Can Do To Improve the Cleanliness of Campus Buildings and Grounds" was judged best of approximately fifty papers from the several schools and areas of the university.

Mrs. Fabio, a native of Nashville, received both the ten dollar cash award for the best essay from the Graduate School and the thirty dollar grand award.

Other winners of ten dollar area awards were: Nedra Ann Whitaker, School of Arts and Sciences; Rose Weaver, School of Education; Edward Davis, Business; Mary L. Vinegar, Home Economics; and Wilburn Morton, Jr., School of Engineering.

gineering, cities this as a significant milestone in the progress of the University. The School of Education will, as usual, have the largest number of graduates, with the School of Arts and Sciences second in order. Ten persons are tentatively scheduled to receive the Masters degree.

Honors Day

The tentinabulations were heard four times Thursday morning of May 14th, which meant to the majority of the students, chapel. This chapel was very significant to the selected few who were to receive honors for their efficient and hard work.

Gordonnel Armstrong conducted the meditation and led the audience into "America The Beautiful." Other impressive features of the program were: The panel discussion, "You and Your University," in which Darrell M. Clay, Gloria Thomas, and Johnella Hutchings participated, Frances Shaw's solo, the presentation of the "Scholarship Trophy" to the Delta Sigma Theta Honor Society, and the announcement of the honor roll students by Dr. Boswell.

This chapel should inspire students to achieve a higher scholastic average and it is the hope of the sponsors that it did.

NEW EDITOR



Esther Rimmer

Players' Guild Closes Successful Season

The Tennessee State Players Guild, under the direction of Dr. Thomas E. Poag, with its spring presentation of Shakespeare's immortal "Hamlet," closed another successful dramatic program.

The variety of its productions during this school year gives evidence to the versatility of both actors and technical staff. The characterizations of the disreputable Anna Lucasta and her associates; of the fun-loving Sycamores and the smug Kirbys in the riotous "You Can't Take It With You"; and of the highly complex Shakespearean characters were in varying degrees effectively done by the members of the Guild all of whom are to be commended.

The technical staff, headed by Director Poag, and including technical director William Dury Cox and costume and make-up supervisors Mrs. Millicent D. Jordan and Miss Ann Smart, also deserves plaudits for untiring efforts and ceaseless labor. The university family most assuredly owes a large debt of gratitude to the Guild, which not only provides excellent dramatic entertainment for its members but also fosters better relations through the dramatic medium between the university and the community.

To the graduating members of the Guild, we say "Farewell and best wishes for continued success." To those who remain, we say, "We look forward to the beginning of your 1953-54 season."

BULLETIN

All graduates of 1953 will be inducted into the Alumni Association, and dues will be paid for one year.

Esther Rimmer, sophomore of Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed editor of the METER for the school year 1953-54. The announcement was made recently by the Student Publications Board of which Theodore Jefferson, president of the Student Council is chairman.

The Board also announced the appointment of Ernest Buffington, junior of Knoxville, Tennessee and Eddie Edwards, freshman of Pontiac, Michigan, as associate editor and business manager respectively.

197 Make Honor Roll

One hundred ninety-seven students were listed on the honor roll for the Winter Quarter 1952-53. To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must be enrolled in one of the Schools of the University for a given quarter carrying at least 12.0 quarter hours and earning an average of 3.25 or more.

First place honors go to the following students who averaged 4.0 for the quarter: Helen L. Bransford, Magdalene Carney, Darrell Clay, James E. Cloyd, Gwendolyn Elliott, Laura L. Fields, Dorothy Howse, Floyd J. Jones, Frances D. Jordan, Henry Lindsay, Paul Okoh Mozia, Gwendolyn Parchmon, Donetta Patillo, Jean I. Russell, Joseph L. Stamps, and Hattie K. Wynn.

Taking second place honors with a 3.9 average were: Charles C. Bailey, Ernestine Buntin, and Senophia Lea Gary.

Those receiving third place honors with a 3.8 average were: Gordonnel Armstrong, Mayrene Beasley, Patricia Bethea, Robert G. Cato, Wilbur M. Cato, Dorothy V. Cunningham, James Dennis, Rena M. Dixon, Edgar Allen Hawkins, Eva Mae Houston, Johnella Hutchings, Garfield Lillard, Dolores A. McIver, Ella R. Maddox, Lettie Watkins, Margaret C. Whitfield, Delthenia Williams and Jamie R. Young.

There were eleven students with 3.7 averages, 28 with 3.6 averages, 35 with 3.5 averages, 26 with 3.4 averages, 35 with 3.3 averages and 25 with averages between 3.25 and 3.3.

Annual Awards Day

Awards Day, held recently in the University Auditorium, afforded literally hundreds of students opportunities for scholarships and awards. This is an annual observance and is part of the Commencement program. It is dedicated to achievement in scholarship, leadership, and athletics. A number of these citations were in cash.

President Davis, in his expression of commendation, congratulated those students receiving awards. He also commended those

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Miss Rimmer, recommended to the Board by the members and advisors of the METER staff because of her experience and ability, has during her two years at the university exhibited an intense interest in and great enthusiasm for the student publication and has worked religiously to promote its progress.

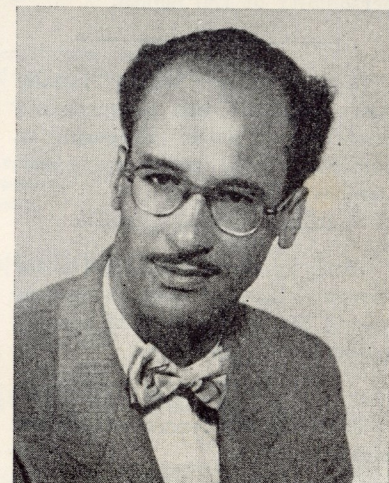
Buffington, a 3-year member of the staff, has served as circulation manager and a member of the feature staff. His "Highlights of East Dormitory" is a popular monthly feature. Having worked faithfully with three editors of the paper, he merits the position to which he has been appointed and is, in the opinion of the staff, well qualified.

Edwards, a relatively new member of the staff, has in his first year contributed immeasurably to the progress of the publication. The nature of his early life and his service in the army have given him a true sense of responsibility and helped him to develop an attitude that makes for sound thinking and reliability. In March he was chosen the METER'S "Personality of the Month".

The editor elect is a graduate of Dunbar Vocational High School of Chicago where she finished fourth in a class of 170 and was chosen the "girl most likely to succeed". During her high school career she served as co-editor of the CRAFTSMAN, the student publication.

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NEW BUSINESS MANAGER



Eddie Edwards

Personality of the Month



Gloria E. Thomas

As our personality for this month, we have chosen a young lady who, to many, does not need an introduction. Because through the many campus activities in which she participates, her spirit of cooperation and ability to achieve, has been clearly expressed. THE METER is happy to salute Miss Glorai Edythe Thomas as its personality of the month.

Gloria is a native of Jacksonville, Florida where she lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Thomas at 1680 Kings Road. She is known throughout Jacksonville as a promising young dramatist. She is a graduate of Edward Waters Junior College in her hometown.

Gloria came to us with a major in Speech and Drama and is now a graduating senior. Since being here she has merited such positions as President, Phi Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu; Vice-President of the Senior Class; Secretary to the Tennessee A & I State Players Guild; Sergeant-at-Arms of Theta Alpha Phi Honorary Drama Fraternity, and feature editor of the METER. She, also, holds membership in Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education; The Drama Quintet of A & I; and the Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Society.

Gloria is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities 1951-53; and Outstanding Student Leaders of America 1952-53.

Our personality has shown superior performance in such outstanding plays as "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "Kiss and Tell," "Blythe Spirit," "John Loves Mary," "You Can't Take it With You," and as Gertrude, the Queen of Denmark in the Player's Guild presentation of "Hamlet."

With an accumulative average of 3.5, Miss Thomas will graduate on June 1, 1953. Her ambition is to be a speech clinician. She hopes to teach for a short time, then attend the University of Michigan for her Masters Degree.

With great pride the METER salutes you, Gloria Thomas as its personality of the month.

"Footprints left behind" usually mean someone has accomplished something good; Fingerprints, something bad; about lip prints, one never knows.

Work is the sole palliative for sorrow, the one way to escape worry, the only method of keeping a sound body and mind.

He: Why are fences put around cemeteries?

She: Because people are just dying to get in.

Outstanding Graduates

We on the Staff of the Meter would like to salute five graduates who, in our opinion, have earned this citation for their superior achievement. They are excellent illustrations of what we consider "A-Class performance in deluxe fashion".

Sidney Shorter of Asheville, North Carolina has, throughout his stay at the University, received numerous awards and commendations that would unequivocally place him among the outstanding graduates. He is among the all-important first group to graduate from the School of Engineering with a major in Civil Engineering. He is the recipient of the Martin Mahler A. S. T. M. Award for Civil Engineering. Ours is the only school in the South having this award.

Magdalene Carney, native of Adams, Tennessee has had a most illustrious college career. She has been active in many organizations, serving as president and vice president of several. She holds membership in several scholastic societies, including Alpha Kappa Mu.

She is presently in the process of selecting an acceptable teaching job in English, Speech or Spanish in any part of the country. She ultimately plans to do graduate study and then to go into some phase of government service that will afford opportunities for travel.

Her most memorable experience while in school was the first time she heard Dr. Boswell's Sunday School class lecture.

Darrell Clay has a near perfect scholastic record, with a 3.96 average. He hails from St. Louis, Missouri and is receiving his bachelors' degree with a major in Business Administration. He plans to use his general Education Board scholarship at Harvard or New York University.

Mr. Clay has ambitions of ultimately becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

Dorothy Sanders of Union City, Tennessee is graduating in the field of Elementary Education. Not only does Miss Sanders have a high scholastic average, but she holds membership in several honor and social societies. She is recipient of the Phi Delta Kappa scholarship award. Perhaps unknown to most students on the campus is the fact that Miss Sanders is a licensed mortician. She plans,

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News Sidelights

By William E. Miller, II

About The Tidelands

One of the most controversial questions that Congress has been forced to debate is the one concerning the rightful owners of the so called tidelands. This question assumes a role of importance because of the vast oil deposits that are located off the shores of California, Louisiana, Texas, and Florida.

State ownership which has already been granted by congress signifies that these four states have assumed title to lands that the Supreme Court had refused to grant to them in three previous rulings. The Supreme Court ruled that the federal government has "full dominion" over offshore oil land.

To give the states exclusive rights is to allow for exploration by private enterprise. Oil companies and special interest groups will seek to gain control over the vast amount of natural resources. These companies and groups will benefit by the mere passage of a congressional bill.

Keeping the tidelands under the control of the government would mean that all states will benefit from the money gotten from the natural resources. This money would be given to the states for educational purposes which would prove advantageous. Governmental control of the tidelands would undoubtedly contribute to the overall progress and development of the Union, for from such an income funds would be appropriated not only for general education but also for specialized and professional training in industry, agriculture, social and public welfare, scientific research, and various other fields of endeavor.

This "give away" piece of legislation by the Republican Party is designed to make the special interest groups' bank accounts grow fatter. This is suggestive that the newly elected congress disregards the decisions of our highest court and makes an outright gift of the bulk of this oil and gas to four states.

Such should not be. The American should not stand idly by and allow congress to over rule the Supreme Court. They should wage a relentless battle by appealing to

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SCA Elects Officers, Delegates

The student Christian Association recently held its annual election of officers. Elected to serve for the school year 1953-54 were David Ward and Esther Rimmer, Co-Chairmen; Sara Concentine, Robert Holeman, and Ernest Buffington, Treasurer.

Other officers and committee chairmen were elected at a retreat held afterwards. Delegates were then elected to attend the Student Conference, YMCA-YWCA-SCA, Southern Region to be held June 9-16, at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The delegates are David Ward, Esther Rimmer, Johnella Hutchings and Sara Concentine. At the conference the students will take part in workshops, worship services, platforms, special addresses and features. All phases of the Conference are geared to preparing the students for more vital Association leadership and the enriching of the students under their leadership. There will be morning worship, evening vespers, daily personal re-creation periods, spiritual resource groups will bring significance to the spiritual emphasis in the conference.

Questions about "How can the student feel his life is meaningful in the present university and work situation? How can our student associations serve us in this need? What is our basic Christian responsibility as a Student Christian Association? Will be discussed and

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The University Drama Quintet

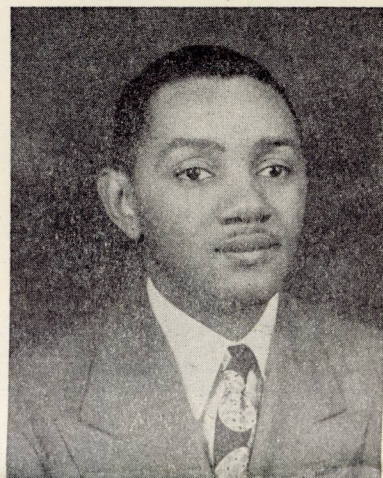
The Drama Quintet of Tennessee State University has done much to spread good will throughout the city of Nashville and surrounding communities through the medium of dramatic entertainment.

Recently when the Players' Guild went to Memphis to stage "Anna Lucasta," the quintet appeared at Manassas and Booker T. Washington High Schools representing the Guild and the University. Here in the city the fivesome has performed at Pearl and Haynes High Schools and Washington and Cameron Junior High Schools. It has also appeared before the local Music and Drama Lovers' Club.

The quintet is composed of five speech and drama majors: Earl Bogan, sophomore of Memphis, who never fails to bring sighs from

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Teacher of the Month



Robert J. Hudson

The METER is privileged to salute as "Teacher of the Month" Mr. Robert J. Hudson, instructor in the English department. He is also an adviser to the METER staff, a position he has held since its inception.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Hudson has lived in Nashville since he was five years of age. He is a graduate of Pearl High School and entered the then Tennessee State College in 1936. In his senior year the Army called and, like so many of his classmates, his pursuit of knowledge was temporarily interrupted for pursuit of the enemy. He saw action in the European theater and the Fiji Islands which, he says, "wasn't too bad."

Returning here, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1946, with a major emphasis in English. In the fall of the same year he entered New York University, receiving his Master of Arts degree in 1947.

This affable young man has been on the faculty here at TSU since the fall of 1947. He is well liked by both students and faculty and, in his own unassuming way, has gained their respect and admiration. He is never too busy to counsel or encourage. His friendly disposition is perhaps induced by the fact that he enjoys his work.

Mr. Hudson plans to return to NYU in the fall for study toward an advanced degree.

Highlights of East Dormitory

By Ernest Buffington

Theodore Jefferson is looking forward to matriculation at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He has been accepted for the school year 1953-54. Best wishes, Ted.

David Scales and William Daniel are congratulating their room mate, Edgar Hawkins for crossing the burning sands of Omega.

The fellows of 327 are somewhat sad over school closing because two of them will not return in the fall. Ben Wilson is going to Howard University and Roy McLemore is going to the army. Good luck, fellows:

Virgil McGhee and Clyde Neal are proud of their room mates for their recent accomplishments. They also wish to congratulate Earl Ingram and Leonard Ross for making the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

To the young ladies who plan to attend summer school, Ira Spillers wishes to say that he will be around if perchance you get lonesome.

East Dorm is very proud of Darrell Clay for his 4.0 average for

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ARNOLD ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CENTER, Tullahoma, Tennessee—Air Force Senior ROTC Cadets and faculty members of the Tennessee A & I State University at Nashville, Tennessee, recently visited and inspected Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tennessee. Colonel H. O. Russell, representing Brigadier General S. R. Harris, Commanding General of the AEDC, is shown above greeting Captain Charles E. Walker, Instructor-in-Charge of the group. —(USAF-AEDC Photo.)

AWARDS DAY

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students who were in the "almost-but-not-quite" category and encouraged them to higher endeavors. Special recognition was given to those students who, President Davis said, might never win such an award, but has worked hard and played fair.

The awards and scholarships included an Air Force Association ROTC Medal; twenty-two Alpha Kappa Mu keys; two Alpha Phi Alpha awards; sixty-three athletic awards, including honorary awards; six American Society of Agonomy keys; nine Beta Kappa Chi keys; one award from the Business Department of the TEC; three Career Conference essay contest prizes; a certificate of merit from the Chattanooga YMCA; an award for a cleanliness essay contest; a History Study Club tuition scholarship; twenty-six Elementary Education practice teaching certificates.

Other awards included the G. P. Hamilton award from the Booker T. Washington High School at Memphis; five Gamma Theta Upsilon certificates; a General College Chemistry award; a General Education Board scholarship; two Inter-Fraternity Council awards; a Junior Research Award in Biology; three Junior Sunday School awards; twenty-one Kappa Delta Pi keys; a Kappa Delta scholarship; a Kappa Alpha Psi achievement award; seven Masonic scholarships; two Mathematics Club awards; a Nashville Silhouette Club scholarship; a NFA scholarship; a Phi Delta Kappa scholarship; twelve R. E. Clay Sunday School awards.

The Susie O. Bryant Trophy went to the entire Sophomore Class. The remaining awards were five Sigma Delta Pi keys; twelve Specialized Training Certificates; twelve Student Council keys; the Martin Mahler award for Senior Civil Engineering; twelve TSU Players Guild keys; seven Theta Alpha Phi keys; University Band and University choir awards; and twenty-five new listees for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

This reporter thought a special salute was in order for Miss Gwendolyn Elliott, freshman of Nashville, who won honors as the female with the highest scholastic average in her class. She also received the College Chemistry award and the Alpha Phi Alpha scholarship award. In competition with the freshman and sophomore classes, she was able to receive a certificate of merit for superior achievement from the Mathematics Club. It will be noted that in receiving all these awards, Miss Elliott had stiff competition. This should prove to all beyond a doubt that she is, in popular slang, a very "heavy" young lady.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

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however, to go immediately into the teaching profession.

Mr. Theodore Jefferson of Memphis, Tennessee was President of the Student Council for 1952-53. This is the highest honor that may be conferred on any undergraduate on the Campus. He also holds membership in several societies and is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities".

Mr. Jefferson is graduating with a major in history and was twice the recipient of the G. P. Hamilton award.

Alumni News

TSU Grad Receives Fulbright Award

ARDENIA RAMBEAU, honor graduate of class of 1947, has received a Fulbright scholarship grant. He is scheduled to sail from New York for France June 24 on the SS Queen Mary.

This award will entitle Mr. Rambeau along with 24 American teachers of French Language and Literature to attend the French Summer Seminar from June through August.

Mr. Rambeau is a native of Minden, La., the son of Mrs. Bessie Anderson and Mr. Herbert Rambeau. He has taught at Tennessee State University, Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee and Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

A & I Grad Is Enjoying Her Work In New Library

Mrs. Mildred Rivers, states that she is really enjoying her work in the newly constructed library in Muscogee County, Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Rivers, points out such interesting features as: Indirect lighting; illuminating shelves of books; a conference room which seats 50 people, it is used by club groups and the library staff; and the building is air conditioned and is the first library for Negroes in Columbus. Mrs. Rivers was once

circulation librarian at Tennessee State University.

A & I Grad Writes Book As Guide For Parisian Tourists

Ollie Stewart, special Afro European writer, has completed his book: "Paris, Here I Come." Mr. Stewart began preparation of his book last year when so many Americans who planned trips abroad were calling on him in Paris to provide them with help.

Mr. Stewart's book tells travelers how to go about getting passports, visas, types of luggage, clothing and money to carry, what to do aboard ship, customs routine, how to arrange hotel reservations and tours, and how to tip. It also lists places of interest to see in Paris and other European countries.

Mr. Stewart is well qualified to give such information. He has made his home in Paris since World War II. During the war, he served as Afro war correspondent in North Africa, Sicily and Europe.

Dr. June Broadnax of Chicago College of Optometry was guest speaker for the annual Young People's Day observance at St. John Baptist Church on Lauderdale St., Memphis, Tennessee, Sunday, April 26, 1953.

Dr. Broadnax is a native Mem-

phian; he is the only Negro on the faculty of the Chicago College of Optometry. Dr. Broadnax is also a staff member of the Woodlawn Eye Foundation, which is part of the Woodlawn Hospital.

Miss Modestine Young, Executive Secretary of the General Alumni Association spoke to the Jackson-Madison County Alumni Association, Jackson, Tennessee, Sunday, April 26. Miss Young states that this group, under the direction of Mr. Ross Chairs, Mrs. F. A. Dobbins and Mr. Dobbins is doing a good job in bringing all graduates together once each month. They have several projects to complete.

Mr. George Nelson visited the Alumni office recently. Mr. Nelson came to his hometown, Dickson, Tennessee, to deliver the annual Hampton High School Alumni Association and Senior "Class night" address. Mr. Nelson is Vice-President, and general manager of Olde Virginia Packing Company where the famous "Olde Virginia sausage is made in Buffalo, New York.

According to information received from Mr. Nelson, there are many grads of Tennessee State employed in Buffalo.

Lynwood Davis is employed at the department of social welfare.

LeMare, LeNeir is assistant collector of Internal Revenue.

Dr. Herbert (Herby) Holmes is owner of a drug store.

Mrs. Helena Anderson Holmes is employed in the Veterans' Administration.

Sidney Lanier is technician with Twin Coach company, manufacturers of airplane parts.

Mrs. Thelma D. Taylor, class of 1941, published a song "Without You." Mrs. Taylor is a native of Claybrook, Tennessee. She taught school at Springfield, Tennessee from 1943-1945. After receiving many disappointments she had this slogan, "A quitter never wins" and a winner never quits."

Her husband, Mr. Edward H. Taylor, is also a graduate of Tennessee State.

J. Bernard Bradshaw, Employee counselor for Aldens, Inc., was one of the representatives and consultants during the Career Conference that convened on the campus sponsored by the National Urban League.

Dr. R. L. Bailey resigned his position as assistant professor of Poultry at West Virginia State College to join the faculty at North Carolina A & T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Bailey will head the department of Poultry at A & T.

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A Letter of Farewell From the Editor

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Tennessee State University
Nashville, Tennessee

Faculty and Student Body
Tennessee State University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Members of the Faculty and Fellow Students:

When I was appointed the Associate Editor of The Meter last year, I had no idea that before the year could pass, I would be serving as your fourth editor. However, since that has been the case, I wish to express my sincere thanks to those of you who have helped me carry the burden of publishing these last two editions.

I wish, also, to express the appreciation of the editor, Mr. Walter J. Walker, and The Meter Staff, for the splendid cooperation of the student body, because without it, we could not have attained any such degree of success. We have enjoyed working with some of you and for all of you. The joys of working with you will ever be part of our fondest memories.

And now, it becomes my desire to surrender the duties and privileges of this work to the fourth appointed editor of THE METER and her staff. It is my hope that under their direction, our beloved newspaper will go to greater heights. Certainly all of you will be praying for them and working with them to make THE METER, like the University which it represents, the greatest of them all.

To those of you who are graduating, we congratulate you and wish, for you, the very best in life.

To those of you who will return next fall, we wish for you, a most enjoyable vacation, and hope you will return next fall with a greater ambition to attain heights yet unseen.

To all of you, as a writer once said:

"If you think you are beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost;
For out in the world we find success begins
With a fellow's will—it's all in the state of the mind."

Yours respectfully,
THE METER
Alex Turner, Jr.,
Editor.

NEWS SIDELIGHTS

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the highest tribunal to counter-act congress.

We are denied the opportunity of using the nation's wealth under

the sea, given by Providence without taxes to meet the growing demands of education. These opportunities and advancements are crippled by a bill designed for a select few rather than for the entire nation.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

May 8, 1953

Mr. A. V. Boswell, Vice President
Tennessee State College
Nashville, Tennessee
Dear Mr. Boswell:

This comes to advise that the Atlanta Life Insurance Company will conduct a Life INSURANCE CAREER SCHOOL—here at the Home Office—June 25 through July 3, 1953.

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Cyrus Campfield,
Assistant Agency Officer
148 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Accepted applicants, who reside outside of Atlanta, will be paid a weekly stipend while in attendance upon the Career School.

Very respectfully yours,
Cyrus Campfield,
Assistant Agency Officer
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Pfc James Ed Whitehead,
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San Francisco, California

Dear Editor:

I am hoping that this letter will reach your school paper without difficulty. I am a soldier stationed in Korea appealing for mail from some of the students at the school (girls). The nights over here are very lonely, especially when you don't receive mail from your friends at home. It is very bad when you have to sit around at night and watch other GI's read their mail and see the smiles on their faces.

I have visited your fine school some years ago. I was a student at the National School of Business on Lebanon Road some years back.

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you in the near future, in answer of my plea for mail.

Pfc James Ed Whitehead
Yours truly,
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April 28, 1953

Dr. Merl Eppse
A. & I. State College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Eppse:

I have been so busy since my return to Sacramento to resume my duties as a Member of the State Legislature that this is the first opportunity I have had to write you to let you know how much I enjoyed meeting you at the National Negro History Week Celebration.

To me your talk was the highlight of the entire week's doings, and I wish to congratulate you upon your forthright straight from the shoulder talk which was so much different from the usual talks given at those occasions. I have felt for many years that if our colored brethren would stop thinking of themselves as such and would think and act first of all as Americans and as joint citizens of this wonderful Country of ours, they would not have anywhere near the trouble they think they are having and most of the legislation they think they need they would soon see was not necessary.

If you have a list of some of the books you have written in regard to the problems of your Race, which you feel might be of interest or help to me in my duties as a Legislator trying to do a sincere job for the welfare of all the citizens of our great State, I would appreciate receiving such from you.

It has been my great pleasure to be able to have a State Seal of Merit awarded to you which you should be receiving in the very near future under separate cover.

Thanking you again for the very fine talk I was privileged to hear and trusting that some time in the future our paths will cross again, I close with all best good wishes.

Cordially yours,
/s/ G. DELBERT MORRIS

Cooperation Is Spelled "WE"

The once "weaker sex" is ably proving the old term to be quite incorrect. Women are steadily moving into professions where once a strong line of demarcation was drawn. In our government under the new administration a woman was appointed Federal Security Administrator; under the Truman administration a woman bank president was treasurer of the United States; and many believe that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was the incentive for her husband's greatness. There are women taxi drivers, bus drivers, truck drivers, senators, judges, policewomen, and congresswomen. On our own campus women have invaded the once manly professions of agriculture and engineering and have done well in them. In fact, women have risen to such a high status that the term "weaker sex" now sounds almost ridiculous. In a democratic world it is the desire of all responsible citizens to have those persons with great capabilities, regardless of race, creed, color, or sex, in positions where their abilities can be of greater use.

So, in accordance with this precedent, and in order to be very up to date, we have seen fit to initiate another "first" on our campus. A young woman has been appointed editor of The METER for next year. This is indeed a great day for the female members of our university family.

The young lady, Miss Esther Rimmer, will, of course, need the assistance of the entire university to edit The METER efficiently. If things do not run smoothly at first, those who wish to live in the past will blame it on the fact that the editor is a woman. But it is impossible for her to do the whole job alone. She must have your wholehearted support, your help, and your cooperation spelled "WE".

The instructors will no doubt agree that the many excuses created by students for not studying and the numerous reasons invented for missing exams show that the students have creative minds. While the creativeness is not appreciated by the instructors when used in this way, however, it will be appreciated by the staff of The METER if used for the writing of news stories, feature articles, original poems and stories. The staff, therefore, urges all students to send in their little creative gems for publication. We firmly believe that there are some students on the campus who have potentialities of becoming Frank Yerby's, Richard Wrights, and Langston Hughes. We urge them not to hide their talents under a bushel but to let them be published so that all may benefit from them. We are positive that our call for original contributions will be answered and that from the beginning to the end of the next school year the office will be flooded with materials of all kinds.

With a very capable young woman as editor and one hundred per cent cooperation of a faithful student body, The METER cannot help but be a great success. Let's see that it is such.

Here's for a paper for the students and by the students.

SOUND OFF

Does publicly posting the deficiency list help the situation? Are improvements noted on the part of advisers and teachers? Why not post the Honor Roll? The bright kid likes a little recognition, too—even besides Awards Day.

Are female college students extremely careless in their lavatories? If not, why are rest rooms in the W-Building labeled for "Faculty Women" only? Just what is the philosophy behind such discrimination?

Sure wish we could use the new gym for commencement. There are some other important persons who'd like to see this.

Hey, fraters and sorors, let's pool our monies and bring Katharine Dunham's Dance Group or some other worthwhile Dance Group here next year. We can do it if we will.

Column O' Corn

Van Spiva

Professor: "What would you administer to a person who had just taken hydrocyanic acid?"

Missionary student: "The sacrament."

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Mary: "What is your brother in college?"

Jane: "A half back."

Mary: "I mean in his studies."

Jane: "Oh, in his studies he's away back."

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Creek: "Lend me your Tux to-night, Gardner. I know you aren't going to wear it."

Gardner: "How do you know?"

Creek: "Because I'm taking your girl out myself."

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Ann: "You've got to admire, Jet. He worked his way through college."

Dot: "Yes, but now he's trying to college his way through work."

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Prof: "What are the names of the bones in your hand, Mack?"

Mack: "Dice."

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Night Watchman: "Young man, are you going to kiss that girl?"

Cade: "O-o-no, Sir."

Night Watchman: "Well, then, hold my clock."

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Coach King: "I had the girls running in circles when I was in college."

Henry A.: "I never knew you were such a sheik."

Coach Coffee: "He wasn't. He was women's track coach."

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Mom: "Were they very strict at the college?"

Freshman Daughter: "Strict? You remember Jonesey? Well, he died in class, and they propped him up until the lecture ended."

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Bye, Ole Chums, and best wishes for a swell vacation!!

Good luck, proud Grads!

With Congratulations To The Graduates

"What Every Beginning Teacher Should Know" is the subject of a 24-page booklet which has just been published by the Creative Educational society of Mankato, Minnesota, and is being presented FREE OF CHARGE to all prospective teachers desiring copies. The author is Ivah Green, formerly Supervisor of Rural Education in Iowa and at present an associate professor in Education at Doane College in Nebraska. Miss Green uses a chatty, intimate style to discuss WHAT TO DO WHEN: The first day frightens you; Parents misunderstand you; The PTA invites you; Your pupil's behavior appalls you; Teaching bores you; as well as many other hurdles which confront the young teacher.

The booklet may be obtained upon request from the Creative Educational Society, Mankato, Minnesota. School and home address should be included when writing for this FREE booklet.

Dear A & I

By Clifton F. Bond

A. & I. Dear how we love Thee
Alma Mater hail!
Blue and white wave high above
Thee
Through both calm and gale.

Long Thy sons have sung thy
praise
And Thy name adored.
We our hearts in tribute raise
To Thy spirit ever more.

TRIPLE THREAT MAN!



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New Aircraft Observer Cadet Training Classes Begin Every Two Weeks



AIRCRAFT OBSERVER PROGRAM

"This Is Alpha"

As the curtain closes for the school year of 1952-53, the Brothers of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity have enjoyed a successful year. Many accomplishments have been made this term by the Brothers; however these accomplishments were made through the cooperation and hard work of every Brother in the Chapter.

Among all of the undergraduate chapters of Alpha, Beta Omicron was very fortunate to be chosen the Alpha undergraduate chapter of the year. This honor was bestowed upon the chapter at the General Convention, in Cleveland, Ohio. In achieving this honor the Brothers felt that this is only the beginning, and the years to come, Beta Omicron shall always be in the heights whereby it may be recognized as the Alpha Chapter each year.

Not only has the Chapter excelled in the scholastic circles and extra curricular activities, but manly deeds as well. We were very fortunate to welcome into Alphanom thirteen notable neophytes. They are: Joseph Williams, sophomore, Memphis; Willie Johnson, sophomore, Memphis; Lenord Ross, sophomore, Memphis; James Isabel, sophomore, Memphis; Charles Laster, sophomore, Atmore, Alabama; Louis Owens, sophomore, Memphis; Willie Carl Lathon, sophomore, Memphis; Theophilous Boyd, sophomore, Nashville; Joseph White, Senior, Chattanooga; Fredric Preston, Junior, Washington, Pennsylvania; George Altman, sophomore, Goldsboro, N. C., and Willis Thomas, junior, Somerset, Ky.

The following officers were elected for the coming school year:

President, Ben E. Harris; Vice-President, David Ward; Recording Secretary, James Jones; Corresponding Secretary, George Johnson; Treasurer, Van Spiva; Dean of Pledgees, Lloyd Gardner; Editor of Sphinx, Ernest Buffington; Musician, Willie Lathon; Chaplain, Percy Washington; Parliamentarian, Bernard Johnson; Athletic Director, Elmer Matthews; Program Director, Robert C. Jackson; Sergeant-at-Arms, David Ward.

On May 1, 1953, the Brothers of Beta Omicron Chapter along with Chi Chapter, Meharry Medical College, Alpha Chi, Fisk University, Tau Lambda, Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Pi Chapter, of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, were amazed over the success of the Spring Formal that was held at St. Vincent De Paul Gymnasium. This was a very elaborate affair of all the Chapters in the city and every one seemed to have enjoyed himself, it is said to have been the best formal for quite sometime.

We wish to congratulate, Miss Gwendolyn Elliott who received the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship award. On the campus each year, Alpha Phi Alpha awards a scholarship to the young lady that maintains the highest average in the freshman class.

Dr. Merl R. Epps, we wish to congratulate for his achievements in citizenship. It was a pleasure for the Brothers to choose him as the recipient for the citizenship award.

This year several Brothers were awarded for their achievements on the campus. Brother James Caruth received the Air Force Association R.O.T.C. medal for his outstanding work in the Corps. Brother Van Spiva received the following keys: Alpha Kappa Mu, Kappa Delta Pi, and Student

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FTA Elects New Officers

The Future Teachers of America met in final session recently to elect officers for the school year 1953-54. Myrtle Buck, Sophomore majoring in Elementary Education, was elected president and Helen Poitier, majoring in Elementary Education, vice-president. Other officers elected included Lottie Simpson, secretary; Cora Spight, assistant secretary; Delthenia Williams, Treasurer, and Louise Cunningham, Pianist and Parliamentarian.

The organization is nation-wide in scope. It is the campus affiliate of the National Education Association and has chapters in both colleges and high schools. Its purpose is to propagate interest in the teaching profession through a series of programs geared to that end.

The new officers have planned a multi-point program for the coming year. Included in these plans is a "Rush Party" to be given for

freshmen and new students during Freshmen Orientation Week next Fall.

Mrs. Roberta Peddy Wright is the adviser for the club.

Delta News

Another year is almost history for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. As we review our records for this year, we have no regrets, for our accomplishments outnumber our failures.

One of the main standards of Delta is high scholarship. We are proud to say we have held the highest accumulative average among the Greek Letter Organizations for two consecutive years, again winning the Cup given by Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Not only as a group have we been outstanding in scholarship but as individuals also. Soror Rosemary Bryant was awarded a forty dollar scholarship from the Interfraternity Council. Soror Gwendolyn Parchemon was awarded the Busi-

ness Education T E C award for having maintained the highest scholastic average among all the graduating seniors in that department. Soror Zema Jordan won second prize in the Career Conference Essay Contest.

Alpha Chi's annual spring formal was more successful than ever before. The Sorors sang the sweet-heart song from their heart during intermission and souvenirs were given to everyone present.

Alpha Chi recently initiated six into the sisterhood who met the requirements. They were: Dorothy Cunningham, Ann Goodrum, Diana Johnson, Frances Jordan, Pearl Wade and Gloria Pullum.

Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority salutes eleven of her sorors on their graduation: Sorors Evelyn Bacon, Magdelene Carney, Dorothy Cunningham, Edna Huling, Frances Jordan, Zema Jordan, Gwendolyn Parchemon, Bobbie Parron, Vera Strong, Alma Tanner, and Velma Waller.

DRAMA QUINTET

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the girls when he gives his interpretation of "Annabelle Lee"; Moses Gunn, junior of St. Louis, Missouri, who has distinguished himself locally by his renditions of the "Hamlet" soliloquies and James Weldon Johnson's "Let My People Go"; Alfonso Sherman, graduate student of East Orange, New Jersey and Billie Macklin Turner, senior of Chicago, who hold audiences spell bound with their scene from "The Glass Menagerie"; and Gloria Thomas, senior from Jacksonville, Florida whose interpretations of Dunbar's humorous

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As they go out as individuals seeking their set goals, we only hope that they remember to be resolved and the thing is done. This not only applies to Alpha Chi's Sorors but to every graduating senior. We are also wishing every student and instructor a pleasant vacation.

In shorthand class we learn brief forms for words used frequently; And here's our sign for fresh, clean smokes: It's L.S./M.F.T.

Jean Dorrell
Lamar Tech

I've tried most brands of cigarettes, Discarded all the rest — I'm sure your taste will tell you, too, That Luckies are the best!

Barbara Kaplan
University of Chicago

Nothing no, nothing beats better taste and **LUCKIES**
TASTE BETTER!
Cleaner, Fresher, Smoother!

Ask yourself this question: Why do I smoke?

You know, yourself, you smoke for enjoyment. And you get enjoyment only from the taste of a cigarette.

Luckies taste better—cleaner, fresher, smoother! Why? Luckies are made better to taste better. And, what's more, Luckies are made of fine tobacco. L.S./M.F.T.—Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco.

So, for the thing you want most in a cigarette... for better taste—for the cleaner, fresher, smoother taste of Lucky Strike...

Be Happy-GO LUCKY!

I get a thrill from catching trout And love to fish for pike; But fishing ain't complete without My good old Lucky Strike!

George Morhous
Holy Cross College

COLLEGE STUDENTS PREFER LUCKIES IN NATION-WIDE SURVEY!

Nation-wide survey based on actual student interviews in 80 leading colleges reveals more smokers prefer Luckies than any other cigarette by a wide margin. No. 1 reason—Luckies' better taste. Survey also shows Lucky Strike gained far more smokers in these colleges than the nation's two other principal brands combined.

C'EST La Vie

Well . . . this is IT!!! Renwa will come no more from yonder space . . . to bring you whisperings . . . but believe me . . . it's the down right truth . . . the joy has been mine to have passed this way with you!! . . . But, Oh! What a lovely way to go . . . with this gay Spring stamped forever upon my memory . . . In true Greek fashion—they appeared in order . . . from Alpha—through Kappa—to Omega—the Spring formals . . . that is!! And leave us not forget the Goddesses of AKA—and DST—Delite Mills sure was pretty at the A & A dance—she was still an Ivy then—at the Kappa and Omega-Delta evenings she and Jimmie were perfect. . . Cecile Willis showed at the A & A with Leroy Armar and the others with Joe Stokes—you sure pick 'em handsome—classy!! . . . Gertrude Davis entered A & A dance with its prexy, Charles Smith, but Stamps had the honor at the Q - D. — Roz Brown was a picture of loveliness at every affair— Ray Sanders spared her for a dance or two avec moi — Thanks, Kid!! . . . “All American” Crow sure was proud of Helen Kennedy — he gave her orchids — wonder will he be at the airport before she steps aboard that DC-6 . . . (M. D.) Randle Pollard of Evanston — practicing in Hopkinsville — came over to escort the pretty Thelma Plane to the affairs — before returning to quiet (Evanston) she plans to stay a spell in Louisville— Have a good time!! . . . Now you figure this one out— Gloria Thomas is a June Senior — Joe Phillips a Junior—but there's a great exchange of pictures — — that's one way to — keep the flame burning!

Lela (Miss TSU) Gracey and Porter (heir) Streater were so carefree at the Balls — — kept it up — 'tis grand!! . . . Jackye and I sure had a lot of fun riding to the Kappa dance with Corley and Azerea (the new Buick, you know). Catherine Stone and “Champ” swimmer Gainor are such good friends. . . . Virgil Magee took Hattie Wynn to the Season dances— She is the 4.0 senior for the Winter QT, and kids she designed and made her ball gowns. . . . Dot (the blond) Harvey was so gay at the dances— — Frank Martin was the boy — — thanks Doris for the mad chat — — right on H. Hall steps, too!! . . . Dot Bruce was as chick as ever at the Kappa dance— — She and Ray Thomas made a stunning couple!!! Mable Brisco can be reached at her Ohio address following graduation— — that is Dr. B. Wilson's state — — I believe!! Gloria Holmes makes such a pretty picture lounging with friends on the oval these beautiful days!! . . . Harold Rhodes has made Spring a song for Donetta Patillo . . . Take my word for it “Lee” Day — — life can be beautiful. . . . John W. Thomas — — your home girl Ella will really miss those lessons in Art when you go away. . . . I hear that Alma (cool) Tanner was the perfect teacher — missed that smile while you were away, my dear. . . Anna McKinnie and Stan Hodges chat so nicely together be it a Q dance or sitting by the college lakes. . . Speaking of lakes — — brings to mind — — the happiness I enjoyed, seeing one of my dreams come true — something that I spent many hours talking about. . . . Bubber Vestal and Trevor Statum are so dashing these days . . . Jackye (the Red head) Lewis changed Ball gowns and escorts at each soiree — She was — by far — one of the most dashing co-eds of the season! — — (The Lt.) and Clinton Jones the medic — Renwa (the scribe “me”) shared the honors. . . . Gee Evelyn (Pal) Bacon — you are tops — keep in there. . . Alvin Taylor and Tezzie Burzey are spending their final days studying human nature and Mission Bell history — there's quite a number of Seniors in this class — — Bill Phelps, Winlock, Stan Hodges, W. V. Harper, II (“Me”, McV. Coleman, Evelyn B., Vera S.—Doris H. and Jackie L. . . .

*A Book of verse underneath the Bough,
A jug of wine, a loaf of bread and Thou
Beside me singing in the wilderness—
Oh, wilderness where Paradise enow!*

—Khayyam

Magdalene Carney, you are truly a lady — — thanks for your friendship. . . . Handshakes to Alex Turner — he has done a wonderful job as METER editor since Walt has been away . . . Although all of us miss Walker very, very much. . .

The old adage that experience is the best teacher will give Theo (retiring student council prexy) Jefferson a lead on young law students in his classes next year — — the brief he prepared for Thomas and himself — before the Wilson Court — was truly a masterpiece — — almost a hung jury — was that week or month, Jeff? . . .

W. V. Harper, II, is doing some beautiful pieces of art work for his Senior Project— He had a mad symbol in abstraction with him — the other day — when he joined Jackye and me at dinner— — Now he hasn't named it yet. . . . Paul Webster and his pretty sisters make Nashville an even greater city— He is the true South American whenever the bands add the rumba beats. . . Norris (the perfect host) is so witty— especially when Rose Bryant is there to warm his heart. . . .

*“Come, fill the Cup, and in the fire of Spring
Your Winter-garment of Repentance fling:
The Bird of Time has but a little way
To flutter—and the Bird is on the Wing”*

—Omar

Once more my winged beast of Outer Space — brings to me Time's decree— — and I must heed— But while I yet have a moment before I depart — let me thank you with all my heart — — for kind words given and even unkind remarks — — for were it not for both — How could I be human or test the foundation of the Temple I am building! Since the day I left the land of the flicker and the orange picker (California) to seek knowledge and understanding—many things have helped to shape the mind — that soon from you must flee. Thomas Paine said that he was a part of all that he had seen — I'll buy that!! Will you?

THIS IS ALPHA

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Council. He also received a Certificate for having the highest average among the male students in the junior class. He was nominated for Theta Alpha Phi Dramatic Society. George Altman received a

certificate for his outstanding performance in basketball. Willie Thomas received a gold ball for his performance in basketball. Brothers Averite Corley and Ben Harris received American Society of Agronomy Keys. Brother Benjamin

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Spring Rain

By Eddie Edwards

It seems as if I cannot get enough of spring here in Tennessee. This is true from dawn to dusk. Very often the lightning witch goes mad. In the wind and rain, she streaks her skinny fingers down the dark clouds into the very hills. She screams with wild disdain at our puny efforts to harness her power.

The grass and weeds spring up by the second. Clover is ankle deep in the fields. City people want to get out to play, and the farmer wants to get out to work; but the rain is ever present. Well, it cannot last forever.

The nights are beautiful in between showers. A few nights ago I saw a miracle. Overhead—so close overhead that it seemed I needed only a ladder to touch it—was a night sky without a moon, a black curtain pulsating with light. The Big Dipper was outlined in lights as definitely as the name on a movie marquee, and everywhere were pin pricks of radiance and mysterious clouds of fine mists partially obscuring stars too dazzling for our earthly eyes.

Of a sudden I forgot my cares, for here was infinite grandeur and symmetry. Could not He who had ordered it also order my little life aright until it should fall into a pattern of beauty like that of the heavens? I will trust Him, my Father, Creator of the universe.

The Stranger

Friday afternoon found most of the students in Hale Hall of Tennessee State University, preparing to leave for the spring-break vacation. Marsha Clardy and Doris Greene, two of the closest friends on the campus, were just telling each other goodbye when a special delivery came for Doris telling her that she could spend the vacation with Marsha, who lived in Philadelphia.

The girls boarded the train excitedly and after several games of Canasta with the miniatures, two bologna sandwiches, and several laughs over the little smelly peddler from which they had purchased the bologna, they grew tired and climbed into the single berth for a short nap.

Marsha, a sleepy-head, did not hear Doris climb out of bed suffering from the stomach ache caused by the bologna. Doris went to the bathroom to take some Alka Seltzer which she had thoughtfully placed in her traveling case.

Coming back to the berth in a drowsy, ill feeling, Doris was uncertain as to which berth was theirs. She finally settled for 8 B, and climbed into bed, falling immediately into a deep sleep.

About 6 o'clock the next morning, Doris awoke as the train stopped in a small Penn. town. She leaned over to shake Marsha, but found the side empty. To the pillow was pinned a small note. Alarmed, Doris jumped up to read the note. “Hope you slept well; sorry I had to leave before meeting you.” Signed. “John Wilson”.

Doris stared at the note, especially the name, a few minutes and then guiltily threw it out the window. She ran to 8 A and climbed quickly into bed with Marsha, who was sleeping soundly.

The METER staff bids fond adieu to its graduating members Alex Turner, Samuel Winbush, William Franklin, Rena Dixon, Evelyn Bacon, and Gloria Thomas.

The Backfire

By James Mann

The evening was very warm, a typically hot summer night. The streets were crowded with people walking lazily along. Here and there couples could be seen sitting along the various street benches. In the street a baseball game was in progress between intervals of passing cars. Its source of light was the low hanging street lamps.

On the corner of one of the streets, in front of the local pool room stood three boys, their ages ranging from sixteen to eighteen. They were all boys from whose appearance one would gain a favorable impression.

The tallest of the three boys was a scrawny-looking lad with freckles and a head covered with blond hair. The cigarette hanging from his mouth gave him the appearance of being older than he really was. From his superior attitude, one could readily see that he was idolized by the other two boys. Because of this attitude he naturally assumed leadership of this small gang. His name was Jimmy, a very common name which fitted his striking appearance. He was from a typical urban family in which the parents had little time to give him the proper attention. He was therefore left on his own to choose his friends and to make his own decisions. Being a typical teenager, he soon became involved in juvenile delinquency.

At first it was not serious, just occasional hockey playing. This, however, led to more serious matters. Finally he resorted to stealing as a means of obtaining money.

This very night he had promised his mother sincerely that he would go to his part-time job and that he would not hang around the street corners. On the way to his job, however, he had met his two pals and it took look persuasion from them to change his mind.

Their idle minds being the devil's workshops, it was not long before one of them conceived the idea of snatching a purse and having a party with the money obtained from this endeavor. At first Jimmy was somewhat skeptical but he was soon convinced that they “couldn't miss.”

The place best suited for such an act, they decided, was a spot just down the street, where, because of a broken lamp, it was rather dark and isolated. At this particular spot, the limb of an oak tree hung low over the street, and it would be easy to jump down from the limb on an unsuspecting victim.

The plan having been formulated, the boys climbed to their lofty hiding place and waited for a prosperous looking woman to pass. They had not long to wait, for soon after they had settled themselves a lone female was seen approaching. The plan was for Jimmy, being the leader, to jump down first, directly behind the victim, grab her and hold her while the other two would take her purse and they would all flee together.

As the prey passed the spot, Jimmy leaped to carry out the first part of the plan. Just as he reached the ground and was about to grab the innocent victim, she suddenly turned and faced the would-be robber.

For several seconds Jimmy stood motionless, as if he had been petrified. His face suddenly turned white as if all of the blood had been drained out of him. The expression on his face showed fear, horror, and disgrace all combined

“On Commencing”

By Mattie Alene Claybrook

Through the mist of unwavering ambition,

We viewed a goal we desired,
The vision was vague,
And through the haze,
We hoped to capture the goal.
Then, as from lands far distant
A voice so stern was heard
A prophecy was spoken
Through part of it seemed blurred.
For in the haze was dimly seen,
The work we'd have to do.
Yet with the toil, a little joy
We then began to view.

Suddenly, with courage
As the mist began to clear,
The veil was slowly lifted,
And our second year was near.
The voice then urged us onward
With courage on the way;
Yet, from our fold, the arrant
Gave up with great dismay
A brighter view we now conceived,
Our goal was near at hand;
The third year by its merit,
Presented a new command.
For the vision was most captured,
Through might and main we'd win;
With only a year remaining,
Our conquest to pursue,
Our goal then loomed nearer,
For faith had seen us through.
And now four years have vanished,
Our goal we have obtained;
Our cherished aim is captured,
Through courage might and main.
Oh, T. S. U., kind mother
Your challenge we now face
For just beyond these portals,
New duties we'll embrace.
Though we are now commencing,
And need to take our leave;
Our thoughts dear Alma Mater,
To you will always cleave.
May the chapter in your history,
That we thy children write,
Be one that you are proud of.
And always your delight.
That throughout all our journey,
May we always bear thy name.
And through our dauntless efforts;
Add laurels to thy fame.

Senior Class Song

(Tune: “Sweet Genevieve”)

Oh, college days, dear college days,
We sing to you departing praise;
The deepest thoughts our hearts
can know
To you in parting gladly go.

We love you for your work and fun,
We love you for the task you've
done;
For all the laughter we have shared
For all the lessons we've prepared.

Dear A and I we bid adieu,
Now we must find some shipmates
new;
We have prepared for all the strife
We'll journey on our voyage of life.

We know not where our voyage
shall end,
We pray your blessings you will
send;
May each one find his own success
Steer into lives some happiness.

SCA ELECTS

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possible solutions given. Personal problems of students and the active witness they can make for Christianity will also be discussed.

One faculty member will accompany the students to the Conference.

into one. He wanted to run away but he could not seem to move an inch. Then, because the shock was too great to bear, he crumpled on the ground in unconsciousness. For the woman, the would be victim of the crime, was none other than his own mother.

ESTHER RIMMER

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lication, and vice president of the Literary Guild. She was recipient of the Robert S. Abbott Students' Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to high school journalism and also first place winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Annual Football Classic of 1950 in which Tennessee State University and Central State College played in Chicago. Upon receiving a five hundred dollar scholarship award and her choice to attend either of the two institutions, she made an immediate selection and matriculated here in September of 1951.

Miss Rimmer will be the METER's fourth editor and the first member of her sex to hold the position. She succeeds Walter J. Walker, a fellow Chicagoan. Samuel F. Yette and Henry H. Lindsay served as first and second editors respectively. Buffington will succeed Alex Turner as associate editor, and Edwards will be successor to Alvin Cross, business manager.

An assembly program is being planned for the fall quarter at which time Miss Rimmer and her entire staff will be presented to the student body.

THIS IS ALPHA

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Wilson received First Prize for the Career conference essay contest. Brother Alex Turner received the Junior Research Award in Biology. Brother Walter Cade received the Junior Sunday school award. Brother E. H. Baker was awarded the Kappa Delta Pi Key. Brothers Theodore Jefferson, Charles Watson, and Lawrence Parkey were awarded the R. E. Clay Sunday school certificates. Student council keys were awarded to the following brothers: Theodore Jefferson, John Thomas and William Franklin.

Beta Omicron has sixteen brothers that are graduating as of the first of June. We shall indeed miss our brothers but we know that the future is calling for them and they must go and serve. The graduating brothers are: Charles E. Smith, Alex Turner, Jr., Charles Watson, William Franklin, E. H. Baker, John W. Thomas, Walter Cade, Jr., Webster Williamson, Milton Lewis, Theodore Jefferson, Walter Evans, Clifford L. Hendrix, James Caruth, Henry H. Lindsay, Lawrence Parkey and Robert Watts. The brothers are also proud of Brother Alphonso Sherman who is to receive his Masters Degree in Speech and Drama.

The brothers of Beta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha wish all the graduating seniors much success in the years to come.

"Oh captain, my captain, our fearful trip is done. Our ship has conquered every port. The prize we sought is won."

DRAMA QUINTET

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"Encouragement" and James Montgomery's "The Stranger" are well worth hearing.

Throughout the school year the members of the quintet have responded whenever called upon and have seemed to enjoy giving performances as much as audiences have enjoyed hearing them. The Players' Guild as well as the University will suffer an immense loss with the departure of Sherman, who receives his master's degree Monday morning and of Miss Thomas who receives the bachelor's degree at the same time.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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the winter quarter. Darrell, by the way, will attend Harvard University this fall. Good luck, Darrell.

Ted Russell will be in the windy city of Chicago this summer vacationing. He anticipates a wonderful time.

Room 211 is known for its fabu-

ous week end parties. It is frequently referred to as 'Club Savoy, the Room of Joy'. Lately, however, it seems as if the parties have ceased. What's wrong, fellows?

Best wishes to James Mann for his election to the superintendency of the R. E. Clay Sunday School, and to David Ward for his election to the chairmanship of the Student

Christian Association for 1953-54.

To Mr. Murrell, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Griffin, we wish to say that you have been wonderful to us during this school year. We eagerly look forward to seeing you again in the Fall. Best Wishes.

*And now the time has come to part;
And though we part in pain,*

*We know that we'll be joined in
heart,
And hope to someday meet again.
See you next fall.*

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